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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                          | 10/627,006             | WILSON, W. BRETT    |  |
|                          | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |  |
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Date of Interview: 08 May 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1 and 9.

Identification of prior art discussed: Legras et al 7,100,694.

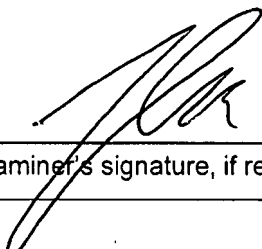
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed claim language to overcome the prior art of record. Claim language included amendments to the variable buoyancy device and the catenary riser. The proposed amendment appears to overcome the art of record; however is subject to an updated search.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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| Application Number     | 10/627,006               |
| Filing Date            | 25 July 2003             |
| First Named Inventor   | W. Brett Wilson          |
| Title                  | Hybrid Tension Leg Riser |
| Art Unit               | 3671                     |
| Examiner Name:         | Thomas A. Beach          |
| Attorney Docket Number | PM 2000.005              |

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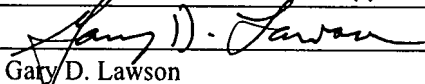
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

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Applicant/Patent Owner: ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company

Application No./Patent No.: 10/627,006

Filed/Issue Date: July 25, 2003

Entitled: Hybrid Tension-Leg Riser

**ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, a Corporation**

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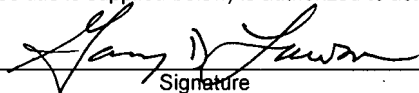
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